

the wife, and such consent shall be evidenced by the wife joining in the assignment, mortgage, power of attorney to collect, or other transfer of salary or wages, and the signing of her name thereto and by her separate acknowledgment thereof, taken and certified to by a proper officer, substantially in the mode provided by law for the acknowledgment by the wife of a conveyance of the homestead.

Sec. 12. Every loan broker shall pay an annual tax of one hundred and fifty dollars to the State of Texas for each and every place of business.

Sec. 13. All compromises for usury or unlawful interest collected and received are contrary to public policy, and shall be void.

Sec. 14. The fact that there is now no law regulating loan companies, or loan brokers, and that many citizens of this State are without adequate protection and have sustained loss and damage without redress, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity authorizing the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring that bills be read on three several days, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

S. B. No. 46.

A BILL

To be entitled

An Act to regulate the payment of wages to employes in certain employments within the State of Texas, providing penalties for violation.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. From and after January 1, 1916, each and every manufacturing, mercantile, mining, quarrying, railroad, street railway, canal, oil, steamboat, telegraph, telephone and express company employing more than ten persons and each and every water company not operated by a municipal corporation, and each and every wharf company, and every other corporation engaged in any business within the State of Texas, which employs more than ten persons, or any person, firm or corporation engaged in or upon any public work for the State, or for any county or any municipal corporation thereof, either as a contractor or a sub-contractor, therewith, shall pay each of its employes the wages earned by him or her as often as semi-monthly.

and pay to a day not more than sixteen days prior to the day of payment.

An employe who is absent at the time fixed for payment, or who for any other reason is not paid at that time, shall be paid thereafter on six days' demand, and any employe leaving his or her employment, or discharged therefrom, shall be paid in full on six days' demand.

Sec. 2. Every person, partnership or corporation wilfully failing or refusing to pay the wages of any employe at the time and in the manner provided in this statute shall forfeit to the State of Texas the sum of fifty (\$50.00) dollars for each and every such failure or refusal and suits for penalties accruing under this Act shall be brought in any court having jurisdiction of the amount in the county in which the employe should have been paid, or where employed. Such suits shall be instituted at the direction of the Commissioner of Labor Statistics, by the Attorney General or under his direction, or by the county or district attorney for the county or district in which suit is brought; and the attorney bringing any such suit shall be entitled to receive and shall receive as compensation for his services therein \$10.00 of the penalty or penalties recovered in such suit, and the fees and compensation so allowed shall be over and above the fees allowed to the Attorney General, county or district attorneys under the general fee act.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Labor Statistics to inquire diligently for violations of this Act, and institute prosecutions and see that the same are carried to final termination and generally to see to the enforcement of the provisions hereof.

THIRTY-SIXTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas,

Monday, March 1, 1915.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock, a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answered to their names:

Astin. Bailey of Harris.
Bailey of DeWitt. Bre.

Brelsford.	McCollum.
Clark.	McGregor.
Conner.	McNealus.
Cowell.	Morrow.
Darwin.	Nugent.
Gibson.	Page.
Hall.	Parr.
Harris.	Robbins.
Henderson.	Smith.
Hudspeth.	Suiter.
Johnson.	Townsend.
King.	Westbrook.
Lattimore.	Wiley.

Absent.

Harley.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of Saturday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Hudspeth.

Message From the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

House Bill No. 476, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Seventy-fifth Judicial District of the State of Texas and to reorganize the First and Ninth Judicial Districts of the State of Texas; to fix the jurisdiction of, and the time of holding, the courts in each of said districts; to provide for the appointment of a district judge in the Seventy-fifth Judicial District and for the appointment of a district attorney in the Ninth Judicial District; to make all process heretofore issued and all bonds and recognizances heretofore entered into conform to the provisions of this Act, and reassigning district clerks; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

House Bill No. 565, A bill to be entitled "An Act to diminish the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the county court of Irion County, to conform the jurisdiction of the District Court thereto, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

House Bill No. 561, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 13, Chapter 47, of the Local and Special Laws of the State of Texas,

passed by the Thirty-first Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

House Bill No. 559, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 339, Title 13, of the 1911 Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, so as to provide for the office of district attorney in the Thirty-ninth Judicial District."

House Bill No. 535, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 5 and 8 of the Special Road Law of Houston County, passed by the Thirty-second Legislature, and approved August 31, 1911, increasing the compensation of county commissioners acting as supervisors of the public roads and bridges in their respective precincts, placing the supervision and control of the roads and bridges in any special road district in the hands of an advisory board of citizens, and providing for the apportionment of the road and bridge fund to the special road district in which the same was paid; creating an emergency; and providing for the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring all bills to be read on three special days."

House Bill No. 526, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 4, of Chapter 89, of the Special Laws of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for El Paso County, Texas; providing salary and per diem pay for the members of the commissioner's court of said county while acting as ex officio road commissioners.'"

House Bill No. 511, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 11 of the special road law in force in Van Zandt County, as enacted by the Thirty-third Legislature, and approved March 25, 1913, providing that each commissioner of said county shall be ex officio road commissioner of his precinct and shall serve as such road commissioner the full time in which his services are not engaged as county commissioner; providing compensation that each commissioner shall receive for his services as road commissioner; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

House Bill No. 483, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 7, of Chapter 32, of the laws of the Regular Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, as amended by an Act of the Thirty-second Legislature,

approved March 23, 1911, being an Act entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Clay County, Texas, and making the county commissioners of said county ex officio road commissioners; prescribing their duties as such; providing for their compensation as such commissioners; providing for the appointment of deputy road commissioners, and defining their duties; for the working of county convicts partly on farms and partly on public roads, or other public works of the county; for compensation of said convicts; offering suitable rewards for recapture of convicts, charging cost of same against convict in discretion of said court; providing mode of punishment for insubordination of said convicts; providing for the condemnation of land needed for road purposes; providing for taking timber, gravel, earth, stone or other material for the improvements of the roads; providing for annual reports of road commissioners and their duties; for contracting out work when deemed necessary; providing penalty for violation of this Act; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,' with engrossed rider.

House Bill No. 314, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1372, Chapter 12, Title 7, of the Revised Criminal Statutes of 1911, so as to exempt Clay County from the provisions of said law, and declaring an emergency."

House Bill No. 418, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7235, Chapter 6, Title 124, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, and to amend Chapter 72, House bill No. 827, General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, page 131, with reference to the mode of preventing horses and certain other animals from running at large in counties named, so as to include Matagorda County."

Respectfully,

W. R. LONG,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Bills Read and Referred.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor Hobby) had referred, after their captions had been read, the following House bills:

H. B. No. 476, referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

H. B. No. 565, referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

H. B. No. 561, referred to Committee on Public Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

H. B. No. 559, referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

H. B. No. 535, referred to Committee on Public Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

H. B. No. 526, referred to Committee on Public Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

H. B. No. 511, referred to Committee on Public Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

H. B. No. 483, referred to Committee on Public Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

H. B. No. 314, referred to Committee on Judiciary No. 2.

H. B. No. 418, referred to Committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

Simple Resolution No. 116.

By Senator Townsend:

Whereas, There is a bill pending before the Legislature to repeal material provisions of the "Robertson Insurance Law," and remitting the taxes due by the foreign insurance companies which withdrew from the State several years ago; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate. That we are opposed to the repeal or material modification of said law.

The resolution was read, and there was objection to consideration of the resolution at this time, and,

Senator Townsend moved that the resolution be considered at this time.

Senator Gibson asked recognition on a question of personal privilege, and Senator Townsend made the point of order that the resolution was not debatable, and the Chair held that he would hear Senator Gibson on personal privilege and not debate on the resolution.

Senator Townsend withdrew his motion to consider the resolution at this time, and asked that the resolution be referred to Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History, and the resolution was so referred.

Morning call concluded.

Bills and Resolutions.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Senator McNealus:

S. B. No. 379, A bill to be entitled "An Act enlarging the concurrence of Criminal District Court No. 2 of Dallas County, Texas, and of the judges thereof; and amending Chapter 18, Section 2, of an Act of the Legislature approved September 14, 1911, creating Criminal District Court No. 2 of Dallas County, Texas."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Senator McNealus:

S. B. No. 380, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 49, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, providing for the time and place of holding elections, by adding thereto Article 2919a, providing that in all instances where practicable, all elections shall be held in some school house, fire station or other public building within the limits of the election precinct without charge therefor, except for actual additional expenses, and authorizing such use of public buildings, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections.

By Senator McNealus:

S. B. No. 381, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate certain sums of money out of the State Treasury to reimburse H. A. Samuel for excess taxes paid the State of Texas for year 1913 under an excessive and erroneous assessment against certain acreage property in Dallas County, Texas, and to authorize the commissioner's court of Dallas County, Texas, to refund to H. O. Samuel excess taxes paid by him to Dallas County for the year 1913 on account of excessive and erroneous assessment against certain acreage property."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 315.

Action recurred on the pending business, as special order, S. B. No. 315, and the Chair held that the bill was the order of business.

Senator McGregor asked unani-

mous consent that he be allowed to offer proposed amendments to the bill and that the consideration of the bill be postponed for this hour. There was no objection.

Following are the proposed amendments for the bill:

(1) Amend the caption, line 10, page 1, by striking out all after the word "State" and before the word "the," in line 12.

(2) Amend the bill, page 2, line 1, by striking out all after the word "Governor" and before the word "to," in line 7, page 2.

(3) Amend the bill, page 8, line 3, by adding immediately after the word "Governor," these words: "Which attorney or firm of attorneys shall, as well as said commission, act in conjunction with the Attorney General of the State of Texas in the carrying out of all the purposes and provisions of this Act."

Senator McGregor moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until Wednesday morning as pending business under special order, to follow the morning call.

The motion was adopted.

Senate Bill No. 217.

Senator Lattimore asked unanimous consent to suspend the special order, S. B. No. 97, and take up S. B. No. 250, but there was objection by Senator Westbrook, and,

Senator Lattimore moved that the special order, S. B. No. 97, be suspended and that the Senate take up, out of its order, S. B. No. 250, which motion was adopted.

Senator Brelsford here asked unanimous consent to suspend the business just taken up, and take up S. B. No. 217, but there was objection by Senator Westbrook, who made the point of order that it would require a two-thirds vote to suspend the pending business. The Chair held that the roll call was not demanded and that there was no dissenting vote.

Senator Brelsford moved that the pending business, S. B. No. 250, be suspended and that the Senate take up, out of its order, S. B. No. 217, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Astin. Bee.
Bailey of Harris. Brelsford.

Clark.	Lattimore.
Cowell.	McGregor.
Darwin.	McNealus.
Gibson.	Nugent.
Hall.	Page.
Harris.	Robbins.
Henderson.	Smith.
Hudspeth.	Suiter.
Johnson.	Townsend.
King.	Wiley.

Nay—1.

Westbrook.

Present—Not Voting.

Conner.

Absent.

Bailey of DeWitt.	Morrow.
Harley.	Parr.
McCollum.	

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 217, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars to be used by the Panama-Pacific International Exposition of Texas for building, equipping and providing for the representation of the State of Texas at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read and Senator Brelsford offered the following substitute for the bill, which was adopted:

(1)

"An Act to provide for the collecting, properly housing and protecting, maintaining and exhibiting at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition to be held at San Francisco, California, during the year 1915, the varied resources and products of the State of Texas, that better markets may be created for such resources and products, and for the disseminating of market information; that the sum of twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars be appropriated out of any funds in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated to be used in furtherance of said purpose, and that said funds be expended by the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Commission of Texas, through the State Department of Agriculture, and declaring an emergency."

(2)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas.

Section 1. That the sum of twenty-

five thousands (\$25,000) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of collecting, properly housing and protecting, maintaining and exhibiting the agricultural, horticultural, manufactured, mineral, livestock, forestry and other varied products and resources of the State of Texas at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition to be held in San Francisco, California, during the year 1915, in order that a better market might be created for such products and resources, and information and knowledges affecting the marketing of said products be disseminated throughout the land.

Sec. 2. The comptroller of public account is hereby authorized to issue his warrant on the requisition of said Panama-Pacific International Exposition Commission of Texas and with the approval of the Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of Texas for the amounts required by them, not to exceed the amount herein appropriated, to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Sec. 3. That at the expiration of said Exposition, it shall be the duty of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Commission of Texas to have returned to the City of Austin and there have deposited with the Commissioner of Agriculture of the State of Texas all possible articles of whatever nature donated to or purchased by the State for exhibit, and the said Commissioner of Agriculture shall take charge of and preserve the same for the use of the State, the title to same to be in the State. The said Panama-Pacific International Exposition Commission of Texas shall make a full and detailed report to the Governor of the services performed by the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Commission of Texas, and the expenditures incurred out of the funds appropriated, and the funds remaining on hand, if any there be, shall be paid into the State treasury.

Sec. 4. The absence of any funds with which to enable said Panama-Pacific International Exposition Commission of Texas to carry out the provisions for which it was created, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and the same is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in

full force and effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Signed: Brelsford, Astin, Gibson, Westbrook, Harley, McNealus, Smith, Bailey of Harris, Bee, Parr, Nugent, Page, McCollum, Robbins, Clark, Henderson, Hall, McGregor.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Brelsford, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, was suspended, and S. B. No. 217 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Astin.	Lattimore.
Bailey of Harris.	McCollum.
Bee.	McGregor.
Brelsford.	McNealus.
Clark.	Morrow.
Conner.	Nugent.
Darwin.	Page.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Hall.	Smith.
Harris.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Townsend.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
Johnson.	Wiley.
King.	

Nays—1.

Bailey of DeWitt.

Absent.

Cowell. Parr.
Harley.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Astin.	Johnson.
Bailey of Harris.	King.
Bee.	Lattimore.
Brelsford.	McCollum.
Clark.	McGregor.
Darwin.	McNealus.
Gibson.	Nugent.
Hall.	Page.
Harris.	Robbins.
Henderson.	Smith.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.

Nays—6.

Bailey of DeWitt. Suiter.
Conner. Townsend.
Morrow. Wiley.

Absent.

Cowell. Parr.
Harley.

, Senator Brelsford moved to reconsider the vote by which S. B. No. 217 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 250.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading and pending business,

S. B. No. 250, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 26 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, authorizing the Governor to sell and conditionally relinquish to J. J. Kane of the City of Galveston, his heirs and assigns, for the purpose of construction of a dry dock or marine railway, all title and claim in the State of Texas to certain flats or land under water on the shores of Galveston Bay, so as to provide said property to be conveyed in consideration of the erection of a dry dock or marine railway at a cost of not less than one hundred thousand dollars, and the payment to the State of Texas two (\$2.00) dollars per acre for said property, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report, with (committee) amendment, was adopted.

Senator Hall offered the following amendments, which were read and adopted, being acted on separately:

1. Amend the bill, page 1, line 8, of the caption by striking out the word "Governor" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Commissioner of the General Land Office," and amend the bill page 1, line 10, of the caption by striking out the words "Construction of" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Constructing" and amend the bill, page 1, line 13 of the caption, by striking out the words "Said property to be conveyed" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "For the sale and conveyance of said property."

2. Amend the bill, page 2, lines 15 and 16, by striking out the words "The sum of two (\$2.00) dollars per acre," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "The price agreed upon, as herein provided."

3. Amend the bill, page 1, Section 1, by striking out all of Section 1 down to and including the word "follows" in line 31, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. That the Commissioner

of the General Land Office of the State of Texas is hereby authorized to sell and patent to J. J. Kane, now residing in the City of Galveston, Texas, his heirs or assigns, for the purpose of the erection thereon of either a dry dock or marine railway or both, all the right, title, interest and claims, which the State of Texas has in and to the submerged flats or land under water on the shores of Galveston Bay, in Galveston County, Texas, the purchase price to be agreed upon by and between the said J. J. Kane, his heirs or assigns and a board which is hereby created, consisting of the Governor of the State of Texas, or the Lieutenant Governor, in case of the inability of the Governor to act, the land commissioner and the attorney general, which said submerged flats or land under water are described by meters and bounds as follows:

4. Amend the bill, page 2, line 17, by striking out the word "Governor" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Commissioner of the General Land Office."

5. Amend the bill, page 2, line 20, by striking out the words "Prepared by the Attorney General of" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Conveying."

6. Amend the bill, page 2, line 25, by inserting after the word "will" the following: "within six months from the date of the execution of the conveyance of said land, as herein provided, begin the work of constructing said dry dock or marine railway and will."

7. Amend the bill by striking out the word "Railway" wherever it occurs and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Railways."

Senator Hall offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill, page 3, by striking out all of lines 24 and 25 and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "The purchase price to be agreed upon by and between the said J. J. Kane, his heirs or assigns and a Board, which is hereby created, consisting of the Governor of the State of Texas, or the Lieutenant Governor, in case of the inability of the Governor to act, the Land Commissioner and the Attorney General."

The amendment was read and Senator Suiter offered the following substitute for same:

Substitute for pending amendment:

Amend the bill, page 1, lines 25 and 26, by striking out the words "J. J. Kane, his heirs or assigns of the City of Galveston," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Any person or company paying the highest price therefor." Also amend the caption to correspond.

SUITER.

MCNEALUS.

Senator Lattimore offered the following substitute for the pending amendment and the substitute therefor:

Amend the bill by striking out all of lines 25, 26 and 27, page 1, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Authorized to sell and relinquish to that person, persons or corporation who will make the highest and best bid therefor, and in addition to the making of such bid, will bind himself or itself by good and sufficient bond and security within five years after the date of such conveyance and at cost of not less than one hundred thousand dollars, to erect," and by striking out the words "J. J. Kane" wherever they occur in the bill and caption and insert in lieu thereof the following: "purchaser," and by inserting after the word "assigns" the word "successors."

Resignation of Senate Clerk.

Austin, Texas, February 27, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: I herewith tender my resignation as an employe of the Senate and request that same be accepted at once.

Respectfully,

A. R. HENDERSON.

Recess.

Senator Clark, at 12 o'clock noon, moved that the Senate recess until 2 o'clock p. m. today.

The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—18.

Astin.	King.
Bailey of DeWitt.	McCollum.
Brelsford.	McGregor.
Clark.	McNealus.
Darwin.	Nugent.
Gibson.	Page.
Hall.	Parr.

Smith. Westbrock.
Townsend. Wiley.

Nays—11.

Bailey of Harris. Hudspeth.
Bee. Johnson.
Conner. Lattimore.
Cowell. Robbins.
Harris. Suiter.
Henderson.

Absent.

Harley.

Excused.

Before the above vote was announced, Senator Bee moved that Senator Harley be excused for non-attendance upon the Senate for Saturday and today, on account of important business. The motion was adopted.

After Recess.

(Afternoon Session.)

The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Hobby, and, on motion of Senator Cowell, the Senate was at ease until 2:30 o'clock today.

Senate Bill No. 250.

(Pending business.)

Action recurred on the pending business, S. B. No. 250, the question being on the substitute by Senator Lattimore for the amendment by Senator Hall and the substitute therefor by Senator Suiter.

Pending discussion on the above measure, Senator Johnson asked unanimous consent to introduce a bill, and there was objection by Senator Westbrock, and

Senator Lattimore moved that the pending business be suspended for the purpose of permitting Senator Johnson and Senator Lattimore to introduce a bill each.

The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Astin. Clark.
Bailey of DeWitt. Conner.
Bailey of Harris. Cowell.
Bee. Darwin.
Brelsford. Gibson.

Hall. Nugent.
Harris. Page.
Henderson. Parr.
Hudspeth. Robbins.
Johnson. Smith.
King. Suiter.
Lattimore. Townsend.
McNealus. Wiley.
Morrow.

Nays—1.

Westbrock.

Present—Not Voting.

Harley.

Absent.

McCollum.

McGregor.

Bills and Resolutions.

By Senator Johnson:

S. B. No. 382, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require the owners or managers of pool halls or pool rooms to close their places of business at 9:30 p. m. each week day, defining the term pool hall or pool room, and providing a penalty for the violation of the provisions of this Act, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Lattimore:

S. B. No. 383, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize domestic and foreign corporations to make contributions to purely public relief or purely charitable associations actually engaged in relief and charitable work, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

**Free Conference Committee Report
On Senate Bill No. 8.**

By Senator Cowell:

Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Hon. John W. Woods, Speaker of the House.

Sirs: We, your Free Conference Committee, appointed to consider House amendments to S. B. No. 8, beg leave to report that the Senate recede from its objections to the House amendments, and concur in the House amendments to S. B. No. 8.

Cowell, Lattimore, Bee, Smith,

King, Committee on part of Senate.
Dixon, Rich, Fuller, Grindstaff,
Dechard, Committee on part of
House.

The above report was read and
adopted.

Pending Business Suspended.

Senator Astin asked unanimous
consent to offer a bill, and Senator
Westbrook objected.

Senator Bailey of DeWitt moved
that the pending business be sus-
pended for five minutes for the pur-
pose of introduction of bills and filing
committee reports.

The motion prevailed by the fol-
lowing vote:

Yeas—27.

Astin.	King.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Lattimore.
Bailey of Harris.	McGregor.
Bee.	McNealus.
Brelsford.	Morrow.
Conner.	Nugent.
Cowell.	Page.
Darwin.	Parr.
Hall.	Robbins.
Harley.	Smith.
Harris.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Townsend.
Hudspeth.	Wiley.
Johnson.	

Nays—2.

Clark. Westbrook.

Absent.

Gibson. McCollum.

Bills and Resolutions.

By Senator Astin:

S. B. No. 384, A bill to be en-
titled "An Act to amend Article 6340
of Title 110 of the Revised Civil
Statutes of the State of Texas, adopt-
ed at the Regular Session of the
Thirty-second Legislature, 1911, re-
lating to public printing, providing
for the appointment by educational
and eleemosynary institutions of
purchasing agents for stationery and
supplies, and when and how same
shall be appointed; providing for the
procuring of bids and regulating the
price to be paid for said stationery
and supplies; providing for the pur-
chase of emergency orders not ex-
ceeding ten dollars without bid; re-

pealing all laws and parts of laws
in conflict with this Act, and declar-
ing an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to
Committee on Public Printing.

By Senator Bee:

S. B. No. 385, A bill to be en-
titled "An Act creating a special
road law for Gillespie County, Tex-
as, passed at the Regular Session
of the Thirtieth Legislature, and
known as Chapter 77, Special Laws
of 1910, and which became a law
April 15, 1907; providing for the
payment of \$5.25 in lieu of road
services, and for the payment of
\$1.25 in lieu of a day's work when
summoned to work; declaring an
emergency, and providing for the
suspension of the constitutional rule
requiring all bills to be read on
three several days."

Read first time, and referred to
Committee on Roads, Bridges and
Ferries.

By Senators Hudspeth, Parr and
Bee:

S. B. No. 386, A bill to be en-
titled "An Act to protect the lives
and limbs of passengers and of em-
ployes of railway companies and the
public and public generally, and
railway companies in the operation
of their railroads, and to facilitate
the movement of trains, engines and
traffic thereover, by prohibiting
trespassing on railroad premises, and
declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to
Committee on Internal Improve-
ments.

By Senators Smith and Suiter:

S. B. No. 387, A bill to be en-
titled "An Act amending Chapter 2,
Title 105, Article 6273, of the Re-
vised Civil Statutes of 1911, author-
izing Confederate pensioners to make
affidavit or in lieu thereof statement
in the presence of two creditable
witnesses that are in nowise related
to the applicant as to his or her
right to collect pensions under the
laws of this State, and authorizing
said witnesses to make the affidavit,
and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to
Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Harley:

S. B. No. 388, A bill to be en-
titled "An Act to amend Articles

1018, 1019, 1020, 1021, 1022, 1023 and 1024, Chapter 12, Title 22, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, relating to public utility corporations, rates, charges, and their regulation by the city council or municipal commission, and which amendment provides for the control of such corporations by a municipal commission in such cities as may have adopted the commission form of government; reducing the minimum population of cities and towns in this State authorized to regulate such corporations by ordinance, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

The time for introduction for bills under the suspended rule having expired, there was objection to further bills and committee reports.

Standing Committee Reports.

See Appendix for committee reports on S. R. No. 114 and H. J. R. No. 1.

Senate Bill No. 250.

(Pending business.)

Action recurred on the pending business, S. B. No. 250, the question being on the substitute by Senator Lattimore, for the pending amendment and the substitute therefor.

(President Pro Tem. Nugent in the chair.)

Pending discussion, Senator Hall moved to table the substitute by Senator Lattimore.

Note: Here unanimous consent was granted to Senator Suiter to withdraw the substitute for the (Hall) amendment, and the substitute by Senator Lattimore was offered in lieu thereof.

The motion to table the substitute was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Astin.	Hudspeth.
Bailey of DeWitt.	King.
Bailey of Harris.	McGregor.
Bee.	Nugent.
Clark.	Parr.
Gibson.	Wiley.
Hall.	

Nays—16.

Brelsford.	McNealus.
Conner.	Morrow.
Cowell.	Page.
Darwin.	Robbins.
Harley.	Smith.
Henderson.	Suiter.
Johnson.	Townsend.
Lattimore.	Westbrook.

Present—Not Voting.

Harris.

Absent.

McCollum.

The substitute was then adopted.

The amendment, as substituted, was adopted.

Senator Wiley offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

Amend the bill, page 2, line 27, by inserting the following after the word "Act": "And shall continue to so make additional improvements from time to time as may be necessary to furnish a dry dock of such dimensions and capacity as will at all times be sufficient for the accommodation of all vessels entering the port of Galveston, which said conditions and restrictions shall be incorporated in the patent issued for said land."

Senator Lattimore offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill, page 2 of printed bill, by adding after Section 3 a new section to be known as Section 3a, which shall read as follows:

"Section 3a. The party making any bid for said property shall accompany such bid with a certified check for the amount of such bid; such check to be payable to the order of the State Treasurer of the State of Texas. Unless work shall be begun on said dry dock within six months after the date of such conveyance, the conveyance or patent of such land shall be null and void. The bond provided for in Section 1 hereof shall contain a provision that in case the sum of one hundred thousand dollars is not expended in building dry docks or marine railways on the land herein described within five years after the date of such conveyance, the State of Texas may recover on the said bond the full sum of one hundred thousand dollars as liquidated damages."

Senator Hall moved to table the

amendment, which motion to table was lost by the following vote:

Yeas—12.

Astin.	Hudspeth.
Bailey of DeWitt.	King.
Bailey of Harris.	McGregor.
Bee.	Nugent.
Clark.	Parr.
Hall.	Wiley.

Nays—14.

Conner.	McNealus.
Cowell.	Page.
Darwin.	Robbins.
Harris.	Smith.
Henderson.	Suiter.
Johnson.	Townsend.
Lattimore.	Westbrook.

Present—Not Voting.

Harley.	Morrow.
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Absent.

Brelsford.	McCollum.
Gibson.	

The amendment was then adopted. Senator Hall offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by striking out the enacting clause.

Senator Morrow moved to table the amendment, which motion to table was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Astin.	Lattimore.
Bailey of Harris.	McNealus.
Bee.	Morrow.
Clark.	Page.
Darwin.	Parr.
Harris.	Smith.
Johnson.	Suiter.
King.	

Nays—8.

Conner.	Robbins.
Cowell.	Townsend.
Hall.	Westbrook.
Nugent.	Wiley.

Present—Not Voting.

Bailey of DeWitt.	Henderson.
Harley.	McCollum.

Absent.

Brelsford.	Hudspeth.
Gibson.	McGregor.

Senator Morrow moved the previous question on the engrossment of

the bill, which motion being duly seconded, was so ordered.

The bill was read second time, and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Hall, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and S. B. No. 250 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—30.

Astin.	Johnson.
Bailey of DeWitt.	King.
Bailey of Harris.	Lattimore.
Bee.	McCollum.
Brelsford.	McNealus.
Clark.	Morrow.
Conner.	Nugent.
Cowell.	Page.
Darwin.	Parr.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Hall.	Smith.
Harley.	Suiter.
Harris.	Townsend.
Henderson.	Westbrook.
Hudspeth.	Wiley.

Absent.

McGregor.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Astin.	King.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Lattimore.
Bailey of Harris.	McCollum.
Bee.	McNealus.
Brelsford.	Morrow.
Clark.	Nugent.
Conner.	Page.
Darwin.	Parr.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Hall.	Smith.
Harley.	Suiter.
Harris.	Townsend.
Henderson.	Wiley.
Johnson.	

Nay—1.

Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
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Absent.

Cowell.	McGregor.
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Senator McNealus moved to reconsider the vote by which S. B. No. 250 was passed, and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Message From the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following:

House Joint Resolution No. 3, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State by adding to Article 16 thereof a new section to be known as Section 58, providing for the compensation of public officials, with engrossed rider.

The House concurs in Senate amendments to H. B. No. 8.

The House adopts report of Free Conference Committee on S. B. No. 8.

Respectfully,

W. R. LONG,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

House Joint Resolution No. 3—Read First Time.

The Chair, President Pro Tem. Nugent, referred, after its caption had been read,

H. J. R. No. 3, referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Senate Bill No. 287.

Senator McNealus moved to rescind the vote by which S. B. No. 287 was finally passed, on Saturday, and that the motion lie on the table subject to call.

There was no objection, and the Chair announced that the motion prevailed.

Message From the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House refused to pass the following bill:

House Bill No. 255, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit the charging or collecting of a greater rate of interest than 10 per cent per annum, prescribing what shall be shown on face of each note or con-

tract evidencing a loan or forbearance for money, and prescribing penalty for violation of this Act."

Respectfully,

W. R. LONG,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 291.

(Special order.)

Here the question arose as to what was the order of business, whether S. B. No. 97, made special order for today at the conclusion of the morning call and displaced for that hour by vote of the Senate, or S. B. No. 27, set for a special order for a former day, but having been displaced by other special orders and unanimous consent.

After discussion, the Chair (President Pro Tem. Nugent) held that S. B. No. 27 had been displaced at the time it was reached as a special order; that S. B. No. 97 had been displaced by a vote of the Senate, and that so losing its place at the time it was set, that S. B. No. 27 would have priority over S. B. No. 97; also holding that the next special order, set for today, following S. B. No. 97, would follow at this time unless displaced by a vote of the Senate, S. B. No. 291 being the next special order for today. The Chair held that special orders are to be taken up at the time set for their consideration, and when not so taken up and made pending business, they will be displaced by subsequent special orders; that when the time arrives for the consideration of a special order, and such order is passed over by the Senate, either by vote to suspend or by unanimous consent, such order then loses its place, and all subsequent special orders, at the time for which they are set, have priority over such orders as have been passed.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 291, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require the publication in some newspaper of general circulation of all notices now required by law or contract to be given of any act or proceeding, whether public or private, or relating to a judicial, executive or legislative matter, which notice is now authorized by law or contract to be made by post-

ing notices in one or more public places, fixing the time of such publication, and the compensation; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Senate Bill No. 114.

Senator Harley asked unanimous consent to take up at this time, S. B. No. 114, but there was objection, and,

Senator Harley moved to suspend the pending business, S. B. No. 291, for the purpose of taking up S. B. No. 114, for consideration at this hour. The Chair held that S. B. No. 291 would be the pending business following consideration of S. B. No. 114.

The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Failey of DeWitt.	Lattimore.
Bee.	McCollum.
Brelsford.	McNealus.
Cowell.	Morrow.
Darwin.	Nugent.
Gibson.	Page.
Hall.	Parr.
Harley.	Robbins.
Henderson.	Smith.
Hudspeth.	Suiter.
Johnson.	Townsend.
King.	Wiley.

Nay—1.

Westbrook.

Present—Not Voting.

Conner.

Absent.

Astin.	Harris.
Bailey of Harris.	McGregor.
Clark.	

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading,

S. B. No. 114, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3658, Chapter 2, Title 53, Revised Civil Statutes, 1911, so as to require officers commissioned to take depositions of witnesses to notify the parties to the suit."

Pending.

Bill Signed.

The Chair, Lieutenant Governor

Hobby, gave notice of signing, and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after its caption had been read, the following bill:

H. B. No. 217, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 26, Acts of the Thirty-second Legislature, being an Act entitled 'An Act to provide for the establishment, organization and control of public high schools in the common school districts of Texas; and declaring an emergency.'"

Adjournment.

On motion of Senator Gibson, the Senate, at 6:15 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

Petitions and Memorials.

The Chair laid before the Senate several letters from persons who are opposed to S. B. No. 146, prohibiting the trapping of fur-bearing animals. Senator Smith offered a number of the same.

Senators Lattimore and Page each presented petitions opposing the repeal or modification of the Robertson Insurance law.

A petition favoring the full crew bill was offered by Senator King. Senator Darwin offered one opposing the same, also opposing the car shed bill, the 2-cent passenger fare bill, etc.

Senator Lattimore presented a petition from farmers of Tarrant County, asking for the repeal of H. B. No. 4, passed by Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, known as the Permanent Warehouse and Marketing law. Senator Lattimore also presented a letter from the executive committee of the Texas Short Horn Breeders' Association, opposing the giving of entire control of the State to the State Sanitary Board.

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Senator Hudspeth offered a petition showing cause why "ticket scalping" should not be legalized.

A telegram was presented by Senator Bailey of Harris from Houston citizens opposing the Clark racing bill.

Telegrams were offered by Senator

Smith opposing Robbins utilities bill and the Clark fire insurance rating bill.

Petitions favoring H. J. R. No. 18, H. J. R. No. 5, H. B. No. 255 and H. B. No. 402 were offered by Senator Darwin.

Committee Reports.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 402, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to compel attendance upon public schools of Texas by children between the ages of eight and four-

teen years; providing that the term said children shall be required to at-

tend for the scholastic year beginning September 1, 1916, shall be sixty

days, and the term for the scholastic year beginning September 1, 1917,

shall be ninety days, and the term beginning September 1, 1918, and

each subsequent year thereafter shall be one hundred and twenty days;

prescribing certain exemptions from such requirements of attendance;

providing for excuses for absences; prohibiting and prescribing punish-

ment for the employment of any child under fourteen years of age during

school hours, or for inducing any child to remain out of school; provid-

ing that counties with a scholastic population of more than 3000 and in-

dependent districts with a scholastic population of more than 2000 may

have school attendance officers appointed by the board of county school

trustees, or by the board of trustees of such district after being petitioned

that said officers be appointed, and after hearing shall have been had

upon said petition; providing that in counties or independent school dis-

tricts where such attendance officers are not elected the duties of such at-

tendance officers shall devolve upon the school superintendents and peace

officers of such counties or districts; prescribing who may be elected school

attendance officers; prescribing the powers and duties of such attend-

ance officers, or those discharging the duties of such attendance officer; pre-

scribing the duties of school superintendents or any teacher instructing

any child within the compulsory school attendance ages; prescribing

the duties of parents and guardians with reference to the Compulsory School Attendance Act; providing that any child who shall be insubordinate, disorderly, vicious or immoral in conduct may be tried before the juvenile court and paroled by said court under bond, and providing that if said parole or paroles shall be violated said bond shall be forfeited and that the child may be declared an incorrigible and committed to the State Juvenile Training School, if a boy, or to the Texas State Training School for Girls, if a girl; providing that all conflicting laws be repealed; providing that if any part of the Act shall be held to be void or unenforceable for any reason, the remainder thereof shall remain in full force and effect, and declaring an emergency."

Have had same under consideration, and I am instructed to report same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass.

BEE, Chairman.

(Minority Report.)

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Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

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H. B. No. 402,

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HUDSPETH.
ASTIN.
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Engrossing Committee Reports.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully compared Senate Bill No. 252, and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.
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Sir: Your Committee on En-

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Hall.	Parr.
Harley.	Robbins.
Henderson.	Smith.
Hudspeth.	Suiter.
Johnson.	Townsend.
King.	Wiley.

Nay—1.

Westbrook.

Present—Not Voting.

Conner.

Absent.

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the duties of parents and guardians with reference to the Compulsory School Attendance Act: providing that any child who shall be insubordinate, disorderly, vicious or immoral in conduct may be tried before the juvenile court and paroled by said court under bond, and providing that if said parole or paroles shall be violated said bond shall be forfeited and that the child may be declared an incorrigible and committed to the State Juvenile Training School, if a boy, or to the Texas State Training School for Girls, if a girl: providing that all conflicting laws be repealed: providing that if any part of the Act shall be held to be void or unenforceable for any reason, the remainder thereof shall remain in full force and effect, and declaring an emergency."

Have had same under consideration, and I am instructed to report same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass.

BEE, Chairman.

(Minority Report.)

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, a minority of your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 402,

Have had same under consideration and am instructed to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

HUDSPETH.
ASTIN.
MORROW.

Engrossing Committee Reports.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully compared Senate Bill No. 252, and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on En-

grossed Bills have carefully compared Senate Bill No. 191, and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully compared Senate Bill No. 283, and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully compared Senate Bill No. 276, and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully compared Senate Bill No. 310, and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully compared Senate Bill No. 287, and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully compared Senate Bill No. 103, and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Standing Committee Reports.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Judi-

cial Districts, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 373, A bill to be entitled "An Act to change and prescribe the time for holding district court in the Forty-ninth Judicial District of Texas, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and beg to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and that it be not printed.

NUGENT, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 1,

Have had the same under consideration and I am requested to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed.

McGREGOR, Chairman.

(Majority Report.)

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, a majority of your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

S. R. No. 114, providing that the Comptroller of the State of Texas furnish to the Senate a statement, showing the items and cost of each, making up various accounts filed during the last four years by the Governor of the State of Texas, which were charged to the Mansion, fixtures and furniture account and which were paid by the State through appropriations made by the Legislature,

Have had the same under consideration and we now beg leave to report this resolution back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

DARWIN, Acting Chairman.

(Minority Report.)

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, a minority of your Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

S. R. No. 114, providing that the Comptroller of the State of Texas furnish to the Senate a statement of the various accounts, showing the items and cost of each item, filed with the Comptroller of the State of Texas and charged to the furniture and fixture account of the Governor's Mansion, and paid by the State through appropriations made by the Legislature.

Have had the same under consideration and we now beg to report the resolution back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

Hudspeth, Page, Gibson, McCollum.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 597, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars for the suppression and eradication of charbon disease, or anthrax to be expended under the direction of the State Board of Health, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

COWELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 378, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars for the suppression and eradication of foul brood in bees, to be expended under the direction of the State Entomologist and the director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

COWELL, Chairman.

(Floor Report.)

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Pub-

lic Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 483, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 7, of Chapter 32, of the laws of the Regular Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, as amended by an Act of the Thirty-second Legislature, approved March 23, 1911, being an Act entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Clay County, Texas, and making the county commissioners of said county ex officio road commissioners; prescribing their duties as such; providing for their compensation as such commissioners; providing for the appointment of deputy road commissioners; and defining their duties; for the working of convicts partly on farm and partly on public roads, or other public work of the county; for compensation of said convicts; offering suitable rewards for recapture of convicts, charging cost of same against said convicts in discretion of said court, providing mode of punishment for insubordination of said convicts; providing for taking timber, gravel, earth, stone or other material for the improvement of the roads, providing for the condemnation of land needed for road purposes; providing for annual reports of road commissioners and their duties; for contracting out work when deemed necessary; providing penalty for violation of this Act, repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and we beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and that it be not printed.

Henderson, Chairman; Robbins, Westbrook, McNealus, Townsend, Smith, Morrow.

(Floor Report.)

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 392, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and empower Red River County, any political subdivision or defined district of said county by a vote of a two-thirds majority of the resident property tax payers, qualified voters of such coun-

ty, political subdivision or defined district thereof, voting thereon to issue bonds to any amount not exceeding one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such county, of such political subdivision or of such defined district and to levy and collect taxes to pay the interest on such bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof, for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads or turnpikes, and prescribing ways and means of conducting and supervising said work, regulating traffic thereon; and providing a method of making up the tax rolls of Red River County, and repealing Chapter 62 of the local and special laws, passed at the regular session of the Thirty-third Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Henderson, Chairman; Robbins, McNealus, Morrow, Townsend, Smith, McCollum.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on State Asylums, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 130, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment and location of an asylum in or adjacent to the City of El Paso, Texas, for the care and treatment of the insane, and to make an appropriation therefor and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

HARRIS, Chairman.

Engrossing Committee Reports.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully compared Senate Joint Resolution No. 15, and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully compared Senate Bill No. 332, and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully compared Senate Bill No. 374, and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully compared Senate Bill No. 147, and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully compared Senate Bill No. 106, and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully compared Senate Bill No. 379, and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully compared Senate Bill No. 217, and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully compared Senate Bill No. 137, and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully compared Senate Bill No. 144, and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully compared Senate Bill No. 349, and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully compared Senate Bill No. 375, and find same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Chairman.

Committee Report.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 1, 1915.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 383, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize domestic and foreign corporations to make contributions to purely public relief or purely charitable associations actually engaged in relief and charitable work, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

LATTIMORE, Chairman.

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Tuesday, March 2, 1915.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answered to their names:

Astin.	King.
Bailey of DeWitt.	Lattimore.
Bailey of Harris.	McCollum.
Bee.	McGregor.
Brelsford.	McNealus.
Clark.	Morrow.
Conner.	Nugent.
Cowell.	Page.
Darwin.	Parr.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Hall.	Smith.
Harley.	Suiter.
Harris.	Townsend.
Henderson.	Westbrook.
Hudspeth.	Wiley.
Johnson.	

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Cowell.

See Appendix for Petitions and Memorials and Standing Committee Reports.

Bills and Resolutions.

By Senator Townsend:

S. B. No. 389, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road law for Angelina County, Texas, making the members of the commissioners court road commissioners for their respective precincts; defining their powers and duties, and fixing their compensation as such road commissioners, and requiring that they give bond; providing for the adoption of a road system for working and repairing the public roads and bridges, and authorizing the employment of a civil engineer or other competent person in each commissioner's precinct in laying out and constructing public roads and bridges; providing that work on public roads and bridges may be let out by contract, authorizing the employment of county convicts on the public roads, and providing rules and regulations therefor; defining the powers and duties of road